

Appln No. 10/667,180
Amdt. Dated June 01, 2004
Response to Office action of March 23, 2004

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Official Action mailed 23 March 2004, Applicant request that the application be amended as follows :

Claims 1, 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US 6438954 to Goetz et al. Applicant has amended the claims such that claim 1 now recites the subject matter of claim 2. As claim 2 was not originally rejected under the above ground, Applicant submits that claim 1 is now novel and inventive. Applicant further submits that claims 6 and 7 which are each dependent on claim 1 are also novel and inventive in light of the present amendment.

Applicant acknowledges Examiner's comments regarding the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting and advises that a suitable terminal disclaimer will be filed upon receipt of notification of allowable subject matter.

Applicant submits that this response is fully responsive to all of the rejections raised in the Official Action. Accordingly, further reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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